

FOOD DRAFTS MAY BE SENT TO RELATIVES.

"It is absolutely certain that during the early summer months there will be an acute food shortage in Poland."

This is the warning which Dr. Boris D. Bogen, director of the relief work in Poland of the Joint Distribution Committee of the American funds for Jewish War Sufferers, sounds in his last report to the committee. From the report it appears that there is actually an insufficient quantity of food in Poland. This may not be apparent to many, because the fact that the poor have no money with which to buy supplies means that there is enough food left over for those who have the wealth to purchase what they want. But the greater the number of people who are able to buy food; the more keenly the shortage of various articles will be felt; and during the first months of summer, before the grain is harvested, the food scarcity will be felt even under the present conditions. Dr. Bogen, therefore, points out the necessity of sending even more food parcels from America, and of sending them as soon as possible, so that the famished Jews may be able to tide over the lean months. The prevailing belief that food is cheaper in Poland than it is here is a complete mistake, also based upon the fact the masses have not the wherewithal to purchase food, so that enough has been left for the more fortunate. Now, however, as the shortage becomes constantly more acute, prices in Poland will be no less than they are in this country.

Food Parcels.

To meet the imminent danger, the Joint Distribution Committee is now selling food drafts at \$12.50 each, which will enable the Jews of Poland to obtain parcels of nourishing food-stuffs, which can sustain a family for some time. Some of these articles, such as cocoa, condensed milk, and oil which the Polish Jews were not accustomed to use in quantities, are now being used more and more on account of their nutritive value, and serve instead of other fats, which are hard to get. The flour, rice, and beans which every parcel contains, may suffice a family for several weeks.

The Joint Distribution Committee has recently perfected a plan for sending to Poland both food and the necessary machinery for its distribution. The food is now in Warsaw where it is packed into separate parcels and shipped to the provincial towns and cities. To receive a parcel abroad, one must present a coupon. These coupons are purchased in this country, and then mailed to the person in Poland who is to get the food package; a duplicate of the coupon is given to the buyer here, and retained by him to serve as a receipt.

The packages have so far been despatched to the leading cities of Poland, to be ready when the coupons arrive. One thousand of them have been sent to Bialystock and an equal number to Lemberg. Shipments have also been made to Vilna, Rovno, Minsk and Brest-Litovsk. The motor trucks which the Joint Distribution Committee has in Poland are able to carry these parcels to the remotest towns with the greatest possible speed, and the food coupons now being sent out will within a few weeks bring food to whomever they are sent. It must be definitely understood, however, that delays may occur in delivering

parcels in certain sections, either because of the military situation, the badly neglected roads, or some other cause equally impossible to avoid.

Every food parcel contains 24 1-2 pounds of wheat flour; 10 pounds of rye flour; 5 pounds of rice; 5 pounds of dried beans; 5 pounds of cocoa; 4 quarts of vegetable oil; and 10 fourteen ounce cans of sweetened condensed milk. The price of a food parcel is \$12.50.

The motor trucks of the Joint Distribution Committee in Poland are used for various purposes in the distribution of relief. Floating the American Flag, they visit every community in Poland and deliver money, clothing, tools, and whatever other commodities are destined for that place. They are contending successfully with the handicaps imposed by the unfortunate shortage of trains, horses, and wagons, and the poor communication facilities in Poland generally.

ORTHODOX JEWS FORM STATE ORGANIZATION.

Conference of Delegates from All Parts of Connecticut Meet at Hotel Stratfield.

As a result of a conference held on Sunday at the Hotel Stratfield, Bridgeport, Conn., of representatives of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of the State of Connecticut, the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of the State of Connecticut, affiliated with the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America was called into being.

Dr. George H. Vohen, of Hartford, United States Assistant District Attorney and editor of the Hebrew Record presided.

Addresses were made by Rabbi W. Wittenstein, Bridgeport, Rabbi S. Elcin of New Haven, Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein, New York, Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein, President of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Women of America, Mr. Harry G. Fromberg, President of Young Israel of America, Mr. Charles H. Shapiro, President, I. L. Brill, Executive Secretary and Mr. George Greenspun, Director of Organizations respectively of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America.

The following resolutions were adopted: (1) This conference resolves to create the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of the State of Connecticut to be affiliated with the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America. (2) That the purpose of the organization be to organize Jewish communities for religious, educational and general Jewish affairs. (3) That all organizations affiliated with the State Union pay the sum of five dollars annually which shall be transmitted to the treasury of the National Union. (4) That the Conference endorse the one million dollar campaign of the Union of Jewish Congregations of America. (5) That May 30 be designated as the State enrollment day when each Jew and Jewess in the State be asked to contribute the sum of One Dollar for Judaism to the One Million Dollar Fund which is to be used for religious and educational work among Jews.

The following officers were elected: Dr. George H. Cohen, Hartford, President; Mr. S. Roodner, South Norwalk, Treasurer; J. P. Gandel, Bridgeport, Conn., Secretary.

An executive committee composed of representatives from each city, the names to be selected by each community, will be appointed later.

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